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SUBJECT: NEF MURDERS

REF: NICOSIA 4082

1. TURK

CYPRIOT PRESS NOVEMBER 19 BANNER HEADLINED THE NOV 12 MURDER OF TWO TURK CYPRIOT WOMEN AND THREE CHILDREN (REFTEL). ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS, WOMEN (23 AND 27-YEARS-OLD) HAD HIRED GREEK CYPRIOT TAXI TO BRING THEM FROM LIMASSOL TO NICOSIA, WHERE THEIR POW HUSBANDS HAD BEEN RELEASED. WOMEN TOOK THEIR CHILDREN (AGED 3 AND 8) AND 16-YEAR-OLD FEMALE RELATIVE.

2. TAXI DRIVER ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED TO GREEK CYPRIOT POLICE THAT HE MURDERED ALL FIVE AND BURNED BODIES NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 11/12.

3. HUSBANDS COMPLAINED TO DENKTASY OVER FAMILIES NON-ARRIVAL NICOSIA AND VICE PRESIDENT REQUESTED CLERIDES INVESTIGATE ON SATURDAY, NOV 16. ON POSITIVE SIDE, CYPOL IMMEDIATELY UNCOVERED CRIME AND APPREHENDED SUSPECT.

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4. NEGATIVELY, ALL TURKISH PAPERS EDITORIALIZED THAT MURDERS PROVE IMPOSSIBILITY OF TURKS LIVING IN GREEK-CONTROLLED TERRITORY. DENKTASH, TOO, EXPIATED ON THIS THEME DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH CLERIDES. DENKTASH CALLED UPON GREEK CYPRIOTS TO FACILITATE NORTHERN MIGRATION OF TURKS FROM SOUTHERN CYPRUS.

5. COMMENT: INCIDENT MAY HAVE NO REPEAT NO DRAMATIC IMPACT. TWO LARGER MASSACRES AT MARATHA AND TOKHNI DID NOT RESULT IN ANY TURK MILITARY REPRISAL OF WHICH WE AWARE. HOWEVER, IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMENTS, TURK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH OFFICIALS HAVE DOFFERENTIATED BETWEEN ATROCITIES COMMITTED WHILE MILITARY OPERATIONS WERE UNDERWAY AND THOSE WHICH MIGHT BE COMMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY. AT VERY LEAST, LATEST INCIDENT WILL STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE DESIRING TOTAL SEPARATION ISLAND'S TWO COMMUNITIES. CRAWFORD

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